

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FAKE CURRENCY NOTES
KAMAL NATH;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated January 26, 2002 under the caption 'Real dilemma; No authority to authenticate fake currency notes';
- (b) If so, whether it is a fact that certification of the Bank Note Press, Dewas regarding authenticity of a currency note is not admissible in the court of law;
- (c) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) The fresh steps taken by the Government to set up an authority to authenticate fake currency notes in order to dispose-off a large number of cases of fake currency pending trial in various courts?

Answer

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Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c)&(d) Under Section 292 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973 only the Gazetted Officers of the Mint or of the India Security Press (including the office of the Controller of Stamps and Stationery) are notified for the purpose of authenticating currency notes in courts of law. For enabling the Gazetted Officers of Note Printing Presses or Security Printing Presses or Forensic Science Laboratories or Government Examiners of Questioned Documents (GEQDs) or State Examiners of Questioned Documents (SEQDs) to authenticate fake currency notes in court trials, the Government has initiated action to amend Section-292(1) and 292(3) of the CrPC.